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UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS, 1949-50.

1. GENERAL

This bulletin issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the fifth year's operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1950 for the year ended June, 1950. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

In addition to the information contained herein, further tables for the year have been included in the June, 1950 Bulletin issued on 6th November, 1950.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits. The number of new Australians receiving special benefits has now been excluded from the tables in this bulletin; the amount of such benefits paid, however, is included in Section 3.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded.

2. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFITS, AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for each class of benefit whose claims were notified during the year ended June, 1950 and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED, 1949-50 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejected to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	137,084	9,584	27,541	3,248	2,779	328	167,404	13,160	7.86
Vic.	1,601	564	17,947	2,827	1,129	357	20,677	3,748	18.13
Q'ld.	26,656	6,815	11,638	1,788	961	311	39,255	8,914	22.71
S.A. (b)	12,497	5,985	7,300	991	521	86	20,318	7,062	34.76
W.A.	8,128	2,068	6,535	1,105	324	98	14,987	3,271	21.83
Tas.	227	76	3,192	352	178	52	3,597	480	13.34
TOTAL	186,193	25,092	74,153	10,311	5,892	1,232	266,238	36,635	13.76

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

Rejected applications for unemployment benefit represented over 13 per cent of total claims for unemployment benefit. Of the total claims for sickness benefit approximately 14 per cent were rejected.

3. BENEFIT PAYMENTS.

(i) All Benefits -- Totals, States: The following table shows the benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during each of the years ended June, 1949 and 1950:-

BENEFIT PAYMENTS : STATES.

(£)

States	Unemployment		Sickness		Special (a)		Total	
	1948-49	1949-50	1948-49	1949-50	1948-49	1949-50	1948-49	1949-50
N.S.W.(b)	23,279	1,064,698	302,298	307,315	53,925	176,698	379,502	1,548,711
Vic.	2,417	6,666	196,548	217,783	51,208	141,277	250,173	365,726
Q'ld	99,591	141,446	118,789	111,840	10,219	10,707	228,599	263,993
S.A. (c)	580	33,089	76,620	83,825	6,828	15,005	84,028	131,919
W.A.	9,986	18,163	62,569	58,323	9,845	76,402	82,400	152,888
Tas.	2,993	2,010	39,002	36,928	3,729	4,249	45,724	43,187
TOTAL:	138,846	1,266,072	795,826	816,014	135,754	424,338	1,070,426	2,506,424

(a) Includes payments to New Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Unemployment and Sickness Benefits - Average Payments, States: Average weekly payments per beneficiary and the average amount of benefit paid per benefit discontinued are shown for each of the years 1946-47 to 1949-50 in the following tables:-

AVERAGE WEEKLY PAYMENT PER BENEFICIARY (a) : STATES
(£)

State	Unemployment				Sickness			
	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
New South Wales (b)	1.89	1.70	1.65	1.91	1.62	1.56	1.51	1.30
Victoria	1.94	1.98	1.44	1.02	1.58	1.61	1.33	1.10
Queensland	1.82	1.79	1.72	1.72	1.77	1.38	1.41	1.22
South Australia (c)	1.89	1.48	0.79	1.95	1.69	1.56	1.54	1.47
Western Australia	1.93	1.70	1.50	1.31	1.52	1.62	1.50	1.29
Tasmania	1.88	1.70	1.86	1.30	1.67	1.62	1.66	1.44
TOTAL	1.87	1.77	1.68	1.87	1.63	1.54	1.45	1.25

(a) Average weekly payments divided by average number on benefit at end of each week. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

AVERAGE PAYMENT PER BENEFIT DISCONTINUED (a) : STATES
(£)

State	Unemployment				Sickness			
	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
New South Wales (b)	13.00	18.02	9.77	8.95	13.41	11.98	11.13	10.33
Victoria	10.03	17.13	8.16	3.74	12.69	12.38	10.03	9.15
Queensland	11.92	13.68	12.40	7.15	13.10	9.89	9.66	8.75
South Australia (c)	14.36	19.36	5.05	6.03	12.18	11.59	11.52	11.31
Western Australia	8.94	17.15	11.85	2.52	10.28	9.53	9.69	8.93
Tasmania	18.37	15.83	21.72	9.38	13.26	13.07	13.63	11.83
TOTAL	11.33	14.85	11.79	8.30	12.70	11.53	10.57	9.75

(a) Average weekly payment per beneficiary multiplied by average duration of benefits discontinued see table 6 (ii). (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Unemployment Benefit - Monthly Totals, States: The amounts paid in unemployment benefit in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1950 were as follows:-

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS DURING EACH MONTH OF 1949-50 : STATES.
(£)

Month	New South Wales(a)	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
July	560,402	236	5,502	5,592	11,040	253	583,025
August	506,887	1,373	69,443	23,036	2,381	173	603,293
September	79,197	1,393	13,703	4,300	1,023	291	99,907
October	Cr 59,702	582	1,438	Cr. 8	468	210	Cr. 57,012
November	Cr 27,271	341	1,952	114	436	159	Cr. 24,269
December	865	283	2,111	Cr. 334	501	182	3,608
January	7,303	239	5,105	214	412	125	13,398
February	528	492	6,661	79	305	103	8,168
March	Cr 5,039	270	11,448	60	350	200	7,289
April	829	212	10,970	14	476	96	12,597
May	Cr. 997	698	8,449	Cr. 1	372	86	8,607
June	1,696	547	4,664	23	399	132	7,461
Total 1949-50	1,064,698	6,666	141,446	33,089	18,163	2,010	1,266,072

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

4. SUMMARY ALL BENEFITS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

(i) Summary - Admissions, Discontinuances, Persons on Benefit: At 25th June, 1949, 14,055 persons were in receipt of benefit comprising 1,151 unemployment, 12,000 sickness and 904 special benefits. During the year ended June, 1950, 229,603 claims were admitted (161,101 unemployment, 63,842 sickness and 4,660 special) while 228,362 benefits were discontinued (101,026 unemployment, 62,901 sickness and 4,435 special) leaving 15,296 benefits in force at 24th June, 1950 (1,226 unemployment, 12,941 sickness and 1,129 special).

The total number of benefits granted and discontinued during the year ended June, 1950, and persons on benefit at the beginning and end of that year, in each class of benefit, is shown in the following table:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT, 1949-50 : AUSTRALIA.

Class of Benefit	On benefit at 25th June, 1949		Claims admitted During 1949-50		Discontinuances During 1949-50		On benefit at 24th June, 1950	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Unemployment	1,034	117	130,248	30,853	130,284	30,742	998	228
Sickness	9,155	2,845	49,006	14,836	48,419	14,482	9,742	3,199
Special	(a) 315	(a) 589	3,529	1,131	3,422	1,013	422	707
TOTAL:	10,504	3,551	182,783	46,820	182,125	46,237	11,162	4,134

(a) Revised to exclude New Australians.

NOTE: For monthly figures of claims admitted and discontinuances and number on benefit from July, 1949 to June, 1950 see June, 1950 Bulletin.

(ii) Persons on Benefit : States: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 24th June, 1950.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 24TH JUNE, 1950 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W.(a)	2545	81	3,763	1,266	149	226	4,166	1,573	5,739
Victoria	119	32	2,750	995	122	220	2,991	1,247	4,238
Queensland	484	84	1,323	392	65	116	1,872	592	2,464
S.Aust.(b)	29	3	840	278	31	35	900	316	1,216
W.Australia	86	22	687	192	39	49	812	263	1,075
Tasmania	26	6	379	76	16	61	421	143	564
Total	998	228	9,742	3,199	422	707	11,162	4,134	15,296

5. CLAIMS ADMITTED TO BENEFIT

(i) All Benefits - Totals States: The following table shows the number of persons in each State admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1950:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1949-50 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W. (a)	103,599	23,901	18,263	6,030	2,016	435	123,878	30,366	154,244
Victoria	854	183	11,217	3,903	449	323	12,520	4,409	16,929
Queensland	14,818	5,023	7,837	2,013	459	191	23,114	7,227	30,341
S.Aust.(b)	5,534	978	5,030	1,279	355	80	10,919	2,337	13,256
W.Australia	5,308	752	4,328	1,102	166	60	9,802	1,914	11,716
Tasmania	135	16	2,331	509	84	42	2,550	567	3,117
Total 1948-50	130,248	30,853	49,006	14,836	3,529	1,131	182,783	46,820	229,603
Total 1948-49	11,459	667	53,662	15,202	1,631	785	66,752	16,654	83,406

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) All Benefits - Classification of Beneficiaries by Age, Conjugal Condition and Dependents: In the following table claimants admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1950, have been classified according to type of claimant, as determined by the maximum benefit appropriate to the age and conjugal condition of the beneficiary and the number of dependants entitling the beneficiary to benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1949-50 - CLASSIFICATION OF BENEFICIARIES : AUSTRALIA

Type of Claimant (at date of commencement of benefit)	Maximum rate per week Shillings	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total Persons
		Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Unmarried -								
Under 18 years -								
With no dependants	15	3,937	5,263	1,609	1,519	157	211	12,696
With dependent child	20	11	11	3	10	-	1	36
18-21 years -								
With no dependants	20	8,360	7,852	3,291	3,053	7	35	22,598
With dependent child	25	4	23	-	37	-	1	65
Over 21 years -								
With no dependants	25	38,422	14,328	13,089	7,886	839	695	75,259
With dependent child	30	525	773	304	490	11	32	2,135
With dependent house-keeper and child	50	255	-	153	-	5	-	413
Married, any age -								
With no dependants	25	2,345	1,655	2,427	1,305	152	68	7,952
With dependent spouse	45	26,861	35	11,085	9	2,062	3	40,055
With dependent spouse and child	50	48,801	19	16,309	3	289	-	65,421
With dependent child (no dependent spouse)	30	680	894	688	524	7	85	2,878
With dependent house-keeper and child (no dependent spouse)	50	47	-	48	-	-	-	95
TOTAL		130,248	30,853	49,006	14,836	3,529	1,131	229,603

NOTE: Unmarried includes widowed and divorced.

51.61 per cent of the beneficiaries (40.83 per cent. of males, 93.70 per cent. of females) did not receive any additional benefit in respect of dependants while 28.49 per cent. (26.70 per cent. of males, 0.05 per cent. of females) received additional benefits in respect of dependent spouse and child, 17.45 per cent. (21.89 per cent. of males, 0.10 per cent. of females) in respect of dependent spouse only, 2.23 per cent (1.22 per cent of males, 6.15 per cent. of females) in respect of dependent child only, and 0.22 per cent (all males) in respect of dependent housekeeper and child.

50.70 per cent. of the beneficiaries were married - 61.17 per cent. of males and 9.82 per cent. of females.

(iii) Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Classification by Maximum.

Rates of Benefit : States. In the following table admission to unemployment and sickness benefits notified in each State during the year ended June, 1950, have been classified according to the maximum rates of benefit applicable to each class of beneficiary and expressed as percentages to total admissions. The average maximum rate is also shown for each State.

CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1949-50 - MAXIMUM RATES OF BENEFIT : STATES.

Maximum rate per week shillings	UNEMPLOYMENT						
	New South Wales (a)	Victoria	Queensland	Sth. Aust- ralia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
15	5.65	6.46	6.59	4.03	5.92	0.66	5.71
20	10.18	9.64	10.25	7.37	10.28	6.62	10.08
25	34.70	40.41	39.24	37.36	30.28	44.37	35.24
30	1.71	1.74	2.42	1.61	1.45	1.33	1.78
45	16.59	16.87	15.17	21.19	19.03	19.87	16.70
50	31.17	24.88	26.33	28.44	33.04	27.15	30.49
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

AVERAGE MAXIMUM RATE
(Shillings)

-	35.12	33.55	33.56	35.66	36.03	35.43	34.98
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(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

CLAIMS ADMITTED 1949-50 - MAXIMUM RATES OF BENEFIT : STATES - Continued

Maximum Rate per week shillings	SICKNESS						
	New South Wales (a)	Victoria	Queensland	Sth.Aust- ralia (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
15	4.81	4.84	4.92	4.42	5.67	5.49	4.90
20	10.35	10.05	9.70	8.62	10.06	9.76	9.96
25	38.51	39.76	39.76	37.31	39.83	33.28	38.76
30	3.20	3.60	2.65	2.79	2.95	3.06	3.14
45	17.99	17.85	16.36	18.77	14.57	15.42	17.38
50	25.14	23.90	26.61	28.09	26.92	32.99	25.86
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

AVERAGE MAXIMUM RATE
(Shillings)

-	34.04	33.74	34.08	35.04	33.72	35.45	34.11
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(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE: The actual rate per week was less than the maximum in many cases due to the application of a "means test" for income.

6. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) All Benefits : Totals, States: The following table shows the number of benefits discontinued in each State during the year ended June, 1950.

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED, 1949-50 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales(a)	103,593	23,855	17,948	5,847	1,982	399	123,523	30,101	153,624
Victoria	775	162	11,015	3,804	409	278	12,199	4,244	16,443
Queensland	14,921	5,000	7,842	1,965	453	158	23,216	7,123	30,339
Sth.Australia(b)	5,534	976	4,979	1,226	345	75	10,858	2,277	13,135
Western Australia	5,322	737	4,329	1,110	154	60	9,805	1,907	11,712
Tasmania	139	12	2,306	530	79	43	2,524	585	3,109
Total 1949-50	130,284	30,742	48,419	14,482	3,422	1,013	182,125	46,237	228,362
Total 1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	1,531	614	65,607	16,155	81,762

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) All Benefits - Average Duration, States: In the following table the average duration of benefits discontinued during each of the years ended June, 1949 and 1950 is shown for each class of benefit and State:-

AVERAGE DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED : STATES.

State	Average Duration (in weeks)							
	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total	
	1948- 49	1949- 50	1948- 49	1949- 50	1948- 49(a)	1949- 50	1948- 49(a)	1949- 50
New South Wales (b)	5.92	4.69	7.37	7.96	11.63	7.31	7.37	5.24
Victoria	5.67	3.68	7.54	8.36	11.59	13.29	7.63	8.30
Queensland	7.21	4.15	6.85	7.19	10.89	8.86	7.09	5.23
South Australia (c)	6.39	3.09	7.48	7.69	13.19	8.05	7.59	5.43
Western Australia	7.90	1.93	6.46	6.95	12.64	11.91	6.80	4.44
Tasmania	11.68	7.23	8.21	8.21	17.26	16.76	8.71	8.50
Total	7.02	4.45	7.29	7.83	12.01	9.00	7.37	5.47

(a) Revised to exclude New Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

(i) Cause of Unemployment - Claims Admitted, States: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment in each State as stated by persons admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1950.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employers, quits on that of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1949-50 : STATES.

Cause of Unemployment	Persons						
	New South Wales(a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	South Aust. (b)	Western Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Aust-ralia
Discharged or laid-off -							
Disciplinary reasons	46	4	36	12	68	2	168
Retrenchment, reorganisation	368	66	635	21	121	14	1,225
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	187	48	151	42	62	14	504
Replaced whilst sick etc.	139	42	242	9	78	12	522
Power rationing (c)	123,944	212	13,091	5,878	4,836	11	147,972
Shortage of materials	555	63	832	254	174	7	1,885
Strikes and lock-outs	14	2	22	11	4	1	54
Weather conditions, floods	297	1	206	3	6	1	514
Seasonal work	72	3	1,970	5	7	6	2,063
Casual work	419	211	1,067	45	187	22	1,951
Other, including inadequately defined	177	103	142	53	50	2	527
Quitted -							
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	521	110	676	93	315	44	1,759
Other, including inadequately defined	412	76	631	79	116	12	1,326
Not previously employed -							
Employers, workers on own account	294	4	91	6	21	-	416
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	19	3	15	1	2	1	41
Other	36	89	34	-	13	2	174
TOTAL	127,500	1,037	19,841	6,512	6,060	151	161,101

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Mainly result of Coal dispute.

Ninety two per cent. of total admissions during the year ended June, 1950 were due to power rationing, 3 per cent by casual and seasonal work, 1 per cent. to medical unfitness (including inefficiency), and 1 per cent. to shortage of materials.

In New South Wales 97 per cent. were due to power rationing as a result of the coal dispute.

Twenty per cent of admissions in Victoria were due to power rationing, 20 per cent to casual work, and 15 per cent to medical unfitness (including inefficiency).

Power restrictions caused 66 per cent of admissions in Queensland, the completion of seasonal and casual work accounted for 15 per cent., 4 per cent to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) and 4 per cent to shortage of materials.

Ninety per cent. of the admissions in South Australia were due to power rationing, 4 per cent to shortage of materials and 2 per cent to medical unfitness (including inefficiency).

In Western Australia 80 per cent. of admissions were due to power rationing, 6 per cent to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) 3 per cent to casual and seasonal work, and 3 per cent to shortage of materials.

Over 38 per cent of admissions in Tasmania were due to medical unfitness (including inefficiency) and 19 per cent to casual and seasonal work.

(ii) Ages of Beneficiaries - Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit, Australia: The distribution of unemployment beneficiaries by age groups is shown in the following table for claims admitted during the year and for persons on benefit at the end of the year.

GROUPED AGES - UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS ADMITTED AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT : AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1949)	Claims admitted during 1949-50			On benefit at 24th June, 1950.		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
16-19 years	8,501	9,938	18,439	42	49	91
20-24 "	23,068	8,750	31,818	115	64	179
25-29 "	22,083	3,477	25,560	115	27	142
30-34 "	17,250	2,112	19,362	98	20	118
35-39 "	15,095	1,843	16,938	91	17	108
40-44 "	11,751	1,501	13,252	85	17	102
45-49 "	10,270	1,376	11,646	109	12	121
50-54 "	7,850	992	8,842	84	13	97
55-59 "	7,185	629	7,814	118	9	127
60-64 "	7,195	235	7,430	141	-	141
TOTAL	130,248	30,853	161,101	998	228	1,226

(iii) Industrial Groups - Claims Admitted, States: The following statement shows the distribution, according to main industrial groups in each State, of persons admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1950:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1949-50 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	Persons						
	New South Wales (a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	Sth. Aust. (b)	West. Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Aust-ralia
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	664	30	1,372	47	80	14	2,207
Other Primary Production ..	322	4	84	4	22	5	441
Coal Mining ..	163	-	35	1	14	2	215
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	737	5	125	50	145	3	1,065
Factories and Industries -							
Founding, engineering, metal -							
working including shipbuilding	49,359	125	2,209	1,521	1,228	7	54,449
Vehicles, including aircraft	3,203	13	724	2,234	683	2	6,859
Textiles and articles of dress	18,988	32	4,067	788	224	15	24,114
Food, drink and tobacco ..	6,263	97	2,101	282	675	13	9,431
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	5,445	10	1,679	190	468	5	7,797
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	20,464	153	2,439	566	889	13	24,524
Building and Construction ..	7,980	227	1,765	372	446	17	10,807
Transport and Communication ..	3,579	29	543	151	499	11	4,812
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	3,478	20	877	130	206	13	4,724
Finance and property ..	122	5	30	5	15	-	177
Public Administration and							
Professional ..	603	21	295	27	132	15	1,093
Personal and Domestic Service ..	4,768	172	1,403	114	310	12	6,779
Other ..	1,362	94	93	30	24	4	1,607
TOTAL	127,500	1,037	19,841	6,512	16,060	151	161,101

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

The foregoing admissions to benefit according to industrial groups are expressed as percentages to total admissions in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED 1949-50 : STATES.
(Per Cent.)

Industry in which last engaged	New South Wales (a)	Victoria	Queensland	South Aust. (b)	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia
Primary Production (incl. Mining)	1.5	3.8	8.1	1.6	4.3	15.9	2.4
Factories and Industrial -							
Engineering etc. Vehicles etc.	41.2	13.3	14.8	57.7	31.5	6.0	38.1
Food, Drink and Tobacco	4.9	9.3	10.6	4.3	11.1	8.6	5.9
Textiles and Articles of Dress	14.9	3.1	20.5	12.1	3.7	10.0	15.0
Other Factories	20.3	15.7	20.8	11.6	22.4	11.9	20.0
Building and Construction	6.3	21.9	8.9	5.7	7.4	11.2	6.7
Transport and Communication	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.3	8.2	7.3	3.0
Commerce and Finance	2.8	2.4	4.6	2.1	3.7	8.6	3.0
Other	5.3	27.7	9.0	2.6	7.7	20.5	5.9
TOTAL:	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Claims Admitted - Monthly Totals, States: The number of admissions to unemployment benefit in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1950, is shown in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS ADMITTED - MONTHLY (a)
1949-50 : STATES

Month	New South Wales (b)		Victoria		Queensland		Sth. Aust. ralia (c)		Western Australia		Tasmania		Australia	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1949-50														
July	94,032	22,311	191	7	8,900	4,516	4,949	915	4,645	665	29	1	112,746	28,415
August	8,256	1,309	160	72	1,209	154	454	49	104	9	23	2	10,206	1,595
September	287	37	65	9	197	40	17	3	67	3	18	-	651	92
October	141	26	42	13	247	51	16	3	67	12	12	-	525	105
November	95	26	25	6	252	22	7	1	34	8	7	1	420	64
December	146	26	23	13	390	30	10	2	39	3	3	1	611	75
January	180	20	113	8	1,123	33	58	1	73	3	9	2	1,556	67
February	91	20	15	8	839	31	8	-	45	5	8	3	1,006	67
March	78	24	18	6	737	45	4	-	37	5	3	1	877	81
April	114	32	66	24	538	35	4	2	50	10	4	-	776	103
May	84	35	33	7	243	37	-	1	100	11	7	2	467	93
June	95	35	103	10	142	29	7	1	47	18	12	3	407	96
YEAR	103,599	23,901	854	183	14,818	5,023	5,534	978	5,308	752	135	16	130,248	30,853

- (a) Four or five-weekly period ending last Saturday of month.
(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(v) Average Number on Benefit at end of each week, States: The following table shows the average number of persons on unemployment benefit at the end of each week in each State during each month of the year ended June, 1950 and during each of the years 1945-46 to 1949-50:-

AVERAGE NUMBER ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AT END OF EACH WEEK : STATES.

Period	New South Wales (a)		Victoria		Queensland		Sth. Aust- ralia (b)		Western Australia		Tasmania		Australia	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
<u>YEAR</u>														
1945-46	2,147	377	295	8	1,389	56	697	81	412	10	41	1	4,891	533
1946-47	1,680	74	1,527	51	4,497	168	197	3	1,062	33	78	1	9,041	330
1947-48	617	47	143	7	2,526	106	49	2	397	12	33	-	3,765	174
1948-49	237	33	26	6	1,045	55	12	2	123	3	30	1	1,473	100
1949-50	8,875	1,853	106	22	1,252	326	270	56	238	29	26	4	10,767	2,290
<u>Month</u>														
1949-50														
July	64,805	14,632	104	7	4,604	2,400	1,728	369	1,305	168	33	2	72,579	17,578
August	30,330	4,870	183	40	1,734	335	969	229	244	22	37	3	33,497	5,499
September	1,049	201	124	17	475	109	71	5	200	14	37	1	1,956	347
October	409	105	89	16	392	87	39	3	168	17	33	1	1,130	229
November	327	86	73	17	418	81	37	2	156	17	28	1	1,039	204
December	332	20	74	20	537	74	35	5	148	20	25	1	1,151	200
January	366	74	109	18	921	71	39	3	92	11	22	3	1,549	180
February	319	63	89	19	1,205	71	34	3	81	12	22	4	1,750	172
March	268	62	81	25	1,435	91	26	3	59	7	19	6	1,888	194
April	243	65	102	31	1,377	92	27	3	70	12	17	6	1,836	209
May	226	66	105	29	801	87	24	2	87	12	18	5	1,261	201
June	240	72	147	31	547	85	26	2	80	13	24	6	1,064	209

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(vi) Males on Benefit at 24th June, 1950 - Districts and Industries, States:
The following table shows the distribution of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 24th June, 1950, according to the main industrial groups in each of the principal districts (those with 40 males and over on benefit) of each State:-

UNEMPLOYMENT : MALES ON BENEFIT AT 24TH JUNE, 1950 :
DISTRICTS AND INDUSTRIES.

State and District	Industry in which last engaged											TOTAL
	Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	Other Primary (including Mining)	Engineering, etc. (including Vehicles)	Food, Drink, and Tobacco	Other Factories	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Commerce and Finance	Public Administration and Professional	Personal and Domestic Service	Other Industries	
New South Wales -												
Metropolitan	3	1	11	1	12	8	3	10	6	4	-	59
Newcastle	5	4	15	2	3	4	2	7	4	4	-	50
All Other	23	7	20	4	10	47	6	5	7	12	4	145
<u>Total N.S.W. (a)</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>254</u>
Victoria -												
Metropolitan	1	-	4	1	2	7	3	-	1	1	1	21
Bonegilla	2	1	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	9	16	55
All Other	6	-	4	4	8	5	8	3	-	4	1	43
<u>Total Victoria</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>119</u>
Queensland -												
Metropolitan	7	-	16	10	19	10	6	14	4	10	2	98
Bundaberg	65	4	2	11	7	13	11	8	2	5	-	128
Mackay	13	1	2	13	2	7	1	-	-	-	1	40
Townsville	12	1	5	12	3	14	5	5	11	2	-	70
All Other	31	6	4	31	9	32	8	14	5	7	1	148
<u>Total Queensland</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>484</u>
South Australia -												
Metropolitan	1	-	5	-	4	5	4	3	1	1	-	24
All Other	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	-	5
<u>Total S. Aust. (b)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29</u>
Western Australia -												
Metropolitan	3	2	5	4	8	8	2	11	8	10	-	61
All Other	1	8	-	4	-	4	-	-	2	6	-	25
<u>Total W. Australia</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86</u>
Tasmania -												
Metropolitan	2	-	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	-	18
All Other	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	1	1	-	-	8
<u>Total Tasmania</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>TOTAL AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>998</u>

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

8. SICKNESS BENEFIT

(i) Nature of Sickness - Claims Admitted, States: The number of admissions to Sickness benefit notified in each State under the main natures of sickness during the year ended June, 1950, is shown in the following table:-

NATURE OF SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1949-50 : STATES

Nature of Sickness	New Sth. Wales(a)	Vict- oria	Queens- land	S.Aust- ralia(b)	West. Aust.	Tas- mania	Aust- ralia
<u>MALES</u>							
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1,012	757	488	429	248	172	3,106
Cancer	126	49	95	31	15	7	323
Other Tumours	149	76	162	37	32	11	467
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	961	630	418	315	203	139	2,666
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	84	47	46	23	12	12	224
Nervous System and Sense Organs	1,576	1,010	728	504	380	187	4,385
Circulatory System	1,721	1,103	671	398	295	162	4,350
Respiratory System	2,008	1,223	804	527	466	199	5,227
Digestive System	4,460	2,512	1,606	1,097	967	436	11,078
Genito-Urinary System	728	408	372	188	170	91	1,957
Skin and Cellular Tissue	809	457	397	172	225	120	2,180
Bones and Organs of Movement	480	274	219	132	95	84	1,284
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions)	249	220	190	102	85	75	921
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures	2,118	1,375	832	531	566	279	5,701
Other Injuries, etc.	1,636	991	764	499	543	314	4,747
Surgical Amputations	59	34	26	17	13	23	172
Other (including not stated)	87	51	19	28	13	20	218
TOTAL:	18,263	11,217	7,837	5,030	4,328	2,331	49,006

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Infective and Parasitic Diseases	352	283	108	143	78	36	1,000
Cancer	20	10	7	9	2	-	48
Other Tumours	146	62	54	24	20	7	313
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	392	227	138	69	52	48	926
Diseases of -							
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	84	49	28	19	13	4	197
Nervous System and Sense Organs	720	494	283	170	118	47	1,832
Circulatory System	309	202	112	47	49	21	740
Respiratory System	494	317	146	113	69	42	1,181
Digestive System	1,242	747	364	257	264	60	2,934
Genito-Urinary System	685	367	234	100	94	79	1,559
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	575	480	130	119	140	61	1,505
Skin and Cellular Tissue	204	134	85	36	44	26	529
Bones and Organs of Movement	147	128	72	46	33	24	450
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions)	113	100	70	31	23	22	359
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -							
Fractures	271	141	101	46	39	12	610
Other Injuries, etc.	226	138	72	48	60	13	557
Surgical Amputations	5	5	2	1	2	-	15
Other (including not stated)	45	19	7	1	2	7	81
TOTAL:	6,030	3,903	2,013	1,279	1,102	509	14,836

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

An analysis of the 63,842 admissions to sickness benefit during the year ended June, 1950, reveals the most prevalent diseases, etc. included in each of the main types as follows:-

Infective and parasitic diseases - influenza (744 males, 176 females), tuberculosis of respiratory system (422,219), other tuberculosis (65,255) mumps (310, 69); acute poliomyelitis (301,147).

Rheumatism, etc. - acute rheumatic fever (387,171), chronic rheumatism and other rheumatic diseases (1,581,325), ill-defined rheumatism (236, 84), diabetes (267, 57).

Diseases of the nervous system, etc. - mental disorders and deficiency (579, 324) neuritis (729, 156), diseases of the organs of vision (671, 116), other diseases of the nervous system (2,294, 1,190);

Diseases of the circulatory system - diseases of the myocardium (576, 64), diseases of the coronary arteries and angina pectoris (831, 44), other and unspecified heart diseases (1,002, 100), varices (794, 158), idiopathic high blood pressure (595, 211);

Diseases of the respiratory system - pneumonia and pleurisy (2,477, 415), bronchitis (1,294, 323), asthma (499, 134), sinusitis (235, 104);

Diseases of the digestive system - appendicitis (3,564, 1,602), hernia (1,659, 76), ulcer of the stomach (1,483, 98), ulcer of the duodenum (846, 51), other diseases of the stomach (810, 104) diseases of the pharynx and tonsils (817, 379), diseases of the gall-bladder and bile ducts (566, 247);

Diseases of the genito-urinary system - diseases of the kidneys and ureters (864, 308), diseases of the genital organs, not specified as venereal (475, 1,061), nephritis (336, 93), diseases of the urinary bladder (197, 52);

Diseases of the skin, etc. - carbuncles (255, 28), cellulitis and acute abscess (277, 53); chronic ulcer (233, 52).

Fractures - of the lower limbs (2,233, 233) of the upper limbs (1,775, 234) of the trunk bones and vertebral column (1,001, 80), of the skull (500, 47);

Other injuries - open wounds, perforations and lacerations (1,226, 101), sprains and strains (637, 94), head injuries (635, 82).

Twenty three per cent. of total sickness benefits admitted during the year ended June, 1950 were females, but the analysis above of most prevalent diseases shows a wide variation in the proportion of females as between different diseases.

The highest percentages of females to total persons were recorded in the following diseases - diseases of the genital organs (69), mental disorders etc. (36), tuberculosis (33) acute poliomyelitis (33), diseases of the pharynx and tonsils (32), and appendicitis (31) whilst the lowest were in the following - injuries (10) carbuncles and boils (9), heart diseases (8), ulcers of stomach and duodenum (6) and hernia (4).

(ii) Ages of Beneficiaries - Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit, Australia: In the following table sickness beneficiaries are distributed according to age groups for claims admitted during 1949-50 and for persons on benefit at the end of the year:-

SICKNESS-GROUPED AGE - CLAIMS ADMITTED AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1949)	Claims admitted during year ended June, 1950.			On benefit at 24th June, 1950.		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
16-19 years	3,852	3,687	7,539	727	745	1,472
20-24 "	6,667	3,434	10,101	1,141	671	1,812
25-29 "	5,618	1,669	7,287	924	355	1,279
30-34 "	4,648	1,203	5,851	837	239	1,076
35-39 "	4,856	1,076	5,932	904	249	1,153
40-44 "	4,676	1,017	5,693	891	217	1,108
45-49 "	4,919	1,139	6,058	1,049	297	1,346
50-54 "	4,386	921	5,307	964	243	1,207
55-59 "	4,737	635	5,372	1,187	171	1,358
60-64 "	4,647	55	4,702	1,118	12	1,130
TOTAL	49,006	14,836	63,842	9,742	3,199	12,941

(iii) Incidence of Sickness according to Age - Males Admitted to Benefit, Australia: The following table analyses the incidence of males admitted to sickness benefit during the year ended June, 1950, in the main types of sickness according to specified age groups:-

INCIDENCE OF MAIN TYPES OF SICKNESS IN SPECIFIED AGE GROUPS - MALES ADMITTED TO SICKNESS BENEFIT, 1949-50 : AUSTRALIA

Nature of Sickness	16-29 years	30-44 years	45-64 years	Total
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	38.1	34.0	27.9	100
Cancer	6.5	20.1	73.4	100
Other Tumours	23.1	23.6	53.3	100
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition etc.	22.1	30.0	47.9	100
Diseases of -				
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	18.8	26.3	54.9	100
Nervous System and Sense Organs	23.5	33.3	43.2	100
Circulatory System	8.9	19.4	71.7	100
Respiratory System	22.3	28.9	48.8	100
Digestive System	36.7	30.6	32.7	100
Genito-Urinary System	23.7	31.9	44.4	100
Skin and Cellular Tissue	30.9	32.2	36.9	100
Bones and Organs of Movement	39.0	31.6	29.4	100
Fractures	55.5	24.4	20.1	100
Other Injuries	49.8	28.2	22.0	100
TOTAL	32.9	28.9	38.2	100
Proportion of male population between 16-64 years in each age group (30th June, 1949)	34.0	34.0	32.0	100

The effect of age on certain types of diseases is indicated in the preceding table. Cancer and diseases of the circulatory system (heart diseases, etc.) are shown to be essentially diseases of advancing years. Seventy three per cent. of the males in the former and 72 per cent. in the latter category were 45 years of age and over. Tumours (other than cancer), diseases of the blood and blood forming organs, genito-urinary and respiratory systems and rheumatism (other than acute rheumatic fever) also reveal the same tendency but to a lesser degree. Injuries are more prevalent in the lower age groups due in part to the greater activity of youth. Most of the injuries included are non-occupational as occupational injuries are generally covered by compensation and therefore do not usually come within the scope of the Act.

Owing to the rapid decline in numbers of females in employment in the higher age groups, the influence of age on the different types of sickness is not evident from a similar consideration of females granted sickness benefit. This decline explains in part the relatively small number of heart diseases amongst female beneficiaries.

(iv) Industrial Groups - Claims Admitted, States: The following statements show the distribution according to main industrial groups of males and females admitted to benefit during the year ended June, 1950:-

SICKNESS - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, 1949-50 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	New South Wales(a)	Vic-toria	Queens-land	Sth. Aust. (b)	West. Aust-ralia	Tas-mania	Aust-ralia
<u>MALES</u>							
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	911	566	949	261	330	246	3,263
Other Primary Production ..	234	180	178	81	121	95	889
Coal Mining ..	624	50	119	4	100	17	914
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	142	73	125	47	340	156	883
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	3,843	1,530	596	901	288	192	7,350
Vehicles, including aircraft	644	686	364	510	232	69	2,505
Textiles and articles of dress	633	731	109	125	82	119	1,799
Food, drink and tobacco ..	975	788	829	326	177	98	3,193
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	791	523	479	175	226	175	2,369
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	1,965	1,469	425	430	359	188	4,836
Building and Construction ..	2,819	1,899	1,615	888	781	473	8,475
Transport and Communication ..	1,516	912	770	472	475	250	4,395
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	1,677	933	622	480	412	124	4,248
Finance and property ..	108	44	39	20	13	10	234
Public Administration and							
Professional ..	527	277	260	130	134	44	1,372
Personal and Domestic Service ..	834	533	353	177	251	70	2,218
Other ..	20	23	5	3	7	5	63
TOTAL	18,263	11,217	7,837	5,030	4,328	2,331	49,006

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Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	27	8	11	5	8	9	68
Other Primary Production ..	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Coal Mining ..	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	2	1	-	2	1	-	6
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	348	161	38	50	11	3	611
Vehicles, including aircraft	11	31	3	16	3	2	66
Textiles and articles of dress	1,239	1,102	260	163	138	81	2,983
Food, drink and tobacco ..	354	217	119	56	46	34	826
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	42	23	19	4	4	1	93
Other factories, including heat, light and power ..	487	252	96	73	31	12	951
Building and Construction ..	11	13	5	1	5	3	38
Transport and Communication ..	158	104	53	49	33	12	409
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and retail trade ..	991	514	380	283	228	59	2,455
Finance and property ..	88	47	17	15	4	8	179
Public Administration and							
Professional ..	900	580	363	248	197	95	2,383
Personal and Domestic Service ..	1,363	841	641	313	388	188	3,734
Other ..	7	8	7	1	5	2	30
TOTAL	6,030	3,903	2,013	1,279	1,102	509	14,836

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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